

Hello to all in Navy Medicine and the Hospital Corps! Hope this finds everyone doing well during the summer months. Hopefully everyone has gotten their fill of hotdogs and hamburgers and good BBQ! I'm writing this to you from a trip to Lima Peru; so glad I got to meet with the Sailors here in this beautiful place.

1. To all the newly selected Chiefs, CONGRATULATIONS! Your road ahead as a Chief Petty Officer may seem a little hazy right now, but I assure you, this will be the most exciting and rewarding journey you will ever take. Keep your moral compass pointed north and continue to do great things. I look forward to the success you will chart for your Sailors and our Navy. I am very proud of you, welcome aboard!

2. Congratulations to our newest Master Chiefs! Dedicate yourself with a new sense of pride and know that all the other Sailors are inspired by your accomplishment. I am extremely proud of you and your families. Go and lead our Sailors, build them up and train them for the unknown.

3. Currently soliciting for ETL applications in the following NECs: 8410, 8466, 8467, 8489, 8503.

4. Our newest EMPD2 class started on 31 July 2017, this program prepares enlisted Sailors to serve as Medical Corps Officers. For additional information reference NAVADMIN 172/17 and/or contact HMCM John Hendrick at john.hendrick.mil@mail.mil or 703-681-4334.

5. Connected Corpsmen in the Community (CCC):

CCC is a new proof-of-concept to assess the feasibility of Corpsmen providing care at alternative sites outside the typical hospital or clinic setting. By having Corpsmen in alternative locations, service members will be able to easily receive walk-in care for minor injuries, by the same enlisted providers that care for them on the battlefield. These alternative locations and working hours available for care improve health care access and convenience.

The phase 1 of this initiative includes treatment for minor injuries, including sprains, strains, joint pain, minor cuts, blisters, burns and removal of sutures and staples. CCC will be available to local Active Duty Service Members beginning September 5, 2017 through March 5, 2018 in Pensacola, Florida. More information to follow!

6. FY-18 Department of Defense Pre-Separation Counselor Training:

The curriculum establishes DoD minimum standards to deliver pre-separation counseling to all military personnel transitioning from active duty. Highly encouraged for CCCs or Pre-separation Counselors. POC NCCS Sanders; 703-681-8929.

7. In remembrance:

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Benjamin P. Castiglione, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Battalion. 9/3/2009

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Christopher G. Walsh, Navy Reserve 3rd Battalion, 24th Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Bridgetown, Mo. 9/4/2006

Hospitalman Robert N. Martens, II Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. 9/6/2005

Hospital Corpsman Third Class James R. Layton, Embedded Training Team 2-8 with Combined Security Transition Command in Afghanistan. 9/8/2009

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Eichmann A. Strickland, Marine Training Team deployed to Afghan Regional Security Integration Command. 9/9/2008

Hospital Corpsman Third Class (FMF) Brian K. Lundy, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 5, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. 9/9/2011

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Charles Luke Milam, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC. 9/25/2007

You will never be forgotten!

8. These dedicated Navy leaders will go ashore in the next month - All of us hope the next chapter of your lives is even more rewarding. Fair winds and following seas to:

No one is going ashore this month! Everyone decided to stay Navy!

9. Everything going on in the world today, take the time to update your records and call family and friends. Updating your records, verify your Page 2, SGLI and OMPF.

10. USS Frament, named after Paul Stanley Frament of Cohoes, N.Y. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve 29 December 1941 soon after Pearl Harbor and in January 1942, reported for training as a pharmacist's mate. He was posted to First Marine Division being organized for the Solomon's invasion. He landed in the first wave on 7 August 1942. Frament's battalion was engaged in an offensive action 3 November 1942. Pharmacist's Mate Third Class Frament was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his fearless devotion to duty in tending Marines on Guadalcanal while under fire.

In closing, challenge each of your Sailors every day, remain vigilant and ready for the fight ahead. Know this is MY greatest PRIVILEGE to serve by your side!